(c) what action, if any, has been taken on the representation; and

(d) if no action has been taken so far, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indigenous Belting Industries Association has requested for restoration of excise duty exemption available on woven cotton belting prior to the budget.

(c) and (d) The Full exemption on unprocessed cotton belting, woven and cotton belting (other than those impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics) of width not more that 15 cms available prior to the budget, has been restored vide, notification Nos. 228/86-CE dated 3-4-86, and No. 271/86-CE dated 24-4-86 respectively.

Export promotion bodies

572. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2285 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1986 and state :

(a) whether the budgets of all the 24 Allied/Sponsored organisations are approved by Government and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the (i) posts (ii) pay scales (iii) promotion and (iv) recruitment are approved by Government in each and every case of these 24 organisations and if any exception is made for a short period, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government officers nominated to the various export promotion bodies regularly attend Executive Committee meetings of these

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) Except in the case of apparel Export Promotion Council the budgets of all other organisations are approved by the Govt. The programme and activities directly re latiable to export promotion of Apparel Export Promotion Council are, however, given Government's approval. No grant is given to Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council and Apparels Export Promotion Council for any of their activities.

(b) In view of what has been stated at (a) above, Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council and Apparel Export Promotion Council do not come to the Government for seeking approval for creation of posts and for prescribing pay scales. As the Federation of Indian Export Organisations is not getting any grant for administrative expenditure, they have the powers to create posts upto the scale of Rs. 650-1200. Recruitment and promotion are done by these organisations as per their rules.

(c) Government nominees on the Executive Committees of these organisations attend their meetings generally.

Foreign visits of Chairmen of Banks

573. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Chair men of the nationalised banks who visited the foreign branches of the nationalised banks in the year 1985;

(b) whether Government are aware that in many cases foreign visits have proved unproductive; and

(c) if so, what steps Government contemplate to regularise such foreign trips by Chairman of the nationalised banks?